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1. ITU'S PR DIVISION HAS SENT TWO TELEGRAMS TO FINANCIAL TIMES, LONDON, ONE ON JULY 31, SECOND ON AUG 7 CONCERNING INVITATION TO AND PROGRAMMING OF ADMIRAL MOTT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF U.S. INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, ON TIMES SEMINAR PROGRAM FOR GENEVA SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1.

2. PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM TEL OF AUGUST 7 TO MARC LEE, FINANCIAL TIMES CONFERENCE DIRECTOR, FOLLOW: QUOTE: IN YOUR ABSENCE, ON MY REPEATED REQUESTS, YOUR STAFF CONFIRMED HIGH-LEVEL US INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATION AS DISCUSSED DURING MY RECENT MISSION TO LONDON. ARE SURPRISED NOT TO FIND NAMES OF US SPEAKERS ON SUCH IMPORTANT CONFERENCE PROGRAM. THEREFORE, AS CO-SPONSORS AND AS AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, FELT OBLIGED TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF US PRESENTATION WITH TELEX DATED 31 JULY TO FINANCIAL TIMES, FOR THE ATTENTION OF DIANA JONES, MENTIONING OMISSION FROM PROGRAM OF ADMIRAL WILLIAM C. MOTT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, US INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION. US GOVERNMENT THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS AT

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ITU HEADQUARTERS PROTESTING AGAINST OMISSION OF NAMES OF

US PERSONALITIES FROM CONFERENCE PROGRAM, WHICH IS CONSIDERED
UNBALANCED... APART FROM FURTHER WITHDRAWALS, SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES TO BE EXPECTED AFTER MR. MILI'S RETURN
TO GENEVA ON AUGUST 15. SUGGEST YOU SEND INDIVIDUAL LETTERS
TO SPEAKERS AND REQUEST YOU TO ENSURE US INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION
IN FINANCIAL TIMES CONFERENCE. BURINTERNA ITU. END QUOTE.

3. DEPT MAY WISH REQUEST EMBASSY LONDON TO CONTACT MARC LEE,
FINANCIAL TIMES CONFERENCE DIRECTOR, ABOUT LETTER TO MOTT. ABRAMS

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